

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on February 12, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 146, 1/22/2007; HB 542, 1/9/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 542

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:55 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 542, Authorize insurance commissioner to adopt rules protecting military persons.

[EXHIBIT \(buh31a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:36 Patrick Driscoll, Chief Legal Counsel, State Auditor's Office

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:25 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:11:36 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association and the American Council of Life Insurers

00:15:21 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

00:16:35 Don Allen, Insurance Financial Advisors' Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:58 Rep. Milburn

00:22:07 Mr. Driscoll

00:23:16 Rep. Furey

00:23:38 Mr. Driscoll

00:24:27 Rep. Dutton

00:25:07 Mr. Driscoll

00:26:03 Rep. Reinhart

00:26:18 Mr. Driscoll

00:27:31 Rep. Dutton

00:27:42 Mr. Driscoll

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:17 Rep. Gallik

HEARING ON HB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:51 Rep. Joey Jayne (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 146, Expand class III gambling on reservations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:20 Senator Carol Juneau, Senate District 8
00:44:57 Carol Langford, Vice-Chairman, Confederated Salish
Kootenai Tribes
00:48:13 Roger Running Crane, Vice-Chairman, Blackfeet Tribe
00:49:02 Jaime Hamel, Chairman, Montana Tribal Gaming
Association
00:56:48 Terrel Matt, Blackfeet Tribe
01:02:41 Olivia Baier
01:05:14 Kathleen Burrage, Crow Tribe

EXHIBIT (buh31a02)

01:08:37 Daniel Decker
01:17:10 Julie King Kulbeck, Ft. Belknap Tribes
01:17:38 Senator Frank Smith, District 16
01:17:59 Jason Smith, Salish Kootenai College
01:18:09 Jim Hame, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes
01:18:20 Dyani Bingham, Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance
01:18:34 Gary McDonald, Roosevelt County Commissioner
01:18:44 Tina Has The Eagle, Ft. Belnap
01:19:14 Kim Swaney, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes
01:19:29 Shawna Smith, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes

Opponents' Testimony:

01:19:52 Rachel Roberts, Montana Family Foundation
01:23:24 Gary Hall, Flathead County Commissioner

EXHIBIT (buh31a03)

01:27:39 Sue Roling, Columbia Falls, Montana
01:30:26 Dallas Erickson, Montana Values Alliance

EXHIBIT (buh31a04)

01:34:22 Lynn Stumberg, Eagle Forum
01:35:22 Harris Himes, Montana Values Alliance

Informational Testimony:

01:45:23 Gene Huntington, Administrator, Gambling Control
Division, Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:46 Rep. Furey
01:46:15 Rep. Jayne
01:47:55 Mr. Decker
01:51:00 Rep. Keane
01:51:31 Mr. Huntington
01:51:57 Rep. Augare
01:52:10 Mr. Decker
01:53:38 Rep. Keane
01:54:13 Mr. Decker

01:56:52 Rep. Heinert
01:57:25 Mr. Decker
01:59:54 Rep. Dutton
02:00:17 Mr. Decker
02:00:54 Rep. Mendenhall
02:01:18 Mr. Huntington
02:03:16 Rep. Mendenhall
02:06:18 Rep. Jayne
02:07:50 Rep. Windy Boy
02:08:25 Mr. Huntington
02:09:43 Rep. Windy Boy
02:10:19 Mr. Decker
02:11:04 Rep. Augare
02:11:28 Ms. Matt

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:28 Rep. Jayne

[EXHIBIT \(buh31a05\)](#)

Additional Exhibits:

Testimony presented after the hearing on HB 146, 02/12/07

[EXHIBIT \(buh31a06\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

02:22:51 Adjournment: 11:25 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh31aad.pdf](#))